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Dear Joshua:

On behalf of the Council on Foreign Relations, I would like to invite you to address a special session of the Council's Committees on Foreign Relations, focusing on arms control in the post-Cold War world. With the end of the U.S.-Soviet standoff, our efforts to deter or moderate armed conflict clearly have to respond to new imperatives, as issues long shunted aside assume key importance.

Many of the problems we are facing involve proliferation in various forms -- including arms sales; radical cuts in existing arsenals; monitoring and inspecting military installations; international action to forestall nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons capabilities (with important implications for international law regarding national sovereignty); and the transfer of nuclear expertise by unemployed Soviet and East European scientists. How the international community can achieve the consensus and develop the new skills necessary to meet these emerging challenges are major policy dilemmas that we will need to grapple with for some time to come.

In view of this need, the Council on Foreign Relations' Committees program has undertaken a project -- made possible through the generous support of the Marpat Foundation and the Educational Foundation of America -- aimed at developing a broad national understanding of these issues.

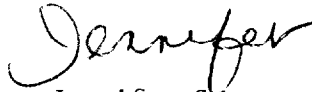
As you may know, the Committees program serves as the Council's main form of outreach to major cities throughout the country. Committees meetings have great impact in assisting community leaders to assess worldwide developments affecting U.S. interests at home and abroad. Although participants in the Committees program are extremely knowledgeable, to some extent they may share a perception that we sense is widespread outside the main U.S. centers of foreign policy activity: that "arms control" is "no longer relevant." We therefore feel that it is especially important to provide Committee constituents with a thorough overview of the new issues. Given your experience and expertise, your views on these issues would be extremely valuable to the Committees.

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Thus, we would like to discuss the possibility of arranging a program for you with one or more of our major Committees. (I enclose a current list of Committee locations.) The Committees' agendas are fairly flexible, and they are usually able to accommodate your schedule.

I look forward to working with you, and will be in touch with your office shortly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jennifer".

Jennifer Seymour Whitaker

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